

Meade County News.

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MEADE, KANSAS.

OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY

The poll tax question is on in the cities of Oklahoma.

Woodward county will soon vote on free range or herd law.

The Masonic temple in Guthrie is to have a grand pipe organ.

Oklahoma has 2,801 white children of school age and 297 colored.

An ice company has been chartered to do business in Blackwell.

Rev. Crump, a colored preacher of Luther, has become insane.

A new bridge over the North Canadian will be built near Cereus.

The Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians have a big dance near Arapahoe.

Kay county has had a straight blow which damaged several farm houses.

Harper S. Cunningham has instituted a branch of the Knights Templar at Kingfisher.

Inspector General Harper S. Cunningham has instituted a commandery of Knights Templar at Perry.

Much new land is being broken up in Washita county; increasing the cultivated land at least one-half.

An election has been called for May 9 to vote on issuing city bonds of Perkins, O. T., to build a \$3,500 school house.

Mrs. I. I. Hesser of Ingalls, is the mother of nine industrious sons, each of whom owns a farm of not less than 160 acres.

Contract has been let for building the Carnegie library in Oklahoma City for \$23,108.40. The building will be finished with oak.

Paul Phillips was arrested in Wichita and taken to Hennessey, he having confessed to the burglary of a clothing store in that place.

Lightning struck Fremont Boyles' house in Guthrie; no one was injured although damage was done to the house and furniture.

Many Kiowa and Comanche Indians are said to be in a semi-starving condition. They drive buzzards from carcasses and eat them.

The experiment station at Stillwater urges farmers to haul out the big piles of manure that are piled up on the outskirts of every town, saying that it is worth \$2 a ton.

A company of saloon musicians had a fight with knives among themselves, at Medford. E. W. Davenport from Missouri was severely injured; the others refused to give their names.

An Indian community in Oklahoma lost their dogs, killed on account of the smallpox epidemic. They were disconsolate but are now rather impatiently waiting for the three carloads of dogs which they expect from Washington.

E. T. Martin, of Pond Creek, has brought suit against the Kansas National bank, F. O. Davidson and R. T. Bean, doing business under the name of the Wichita Live Stock company, for the collection of an unhonored draft sent to him for a consignment of hogs.

Wherever a wire runs along the poles in Oklahoma, and that is almost everywhere, the people were rejoicing and burning powder in their joy over the passage of the free homes bill, by the house, by or before their clocks pointed to the time of its passage by Washington time.

Work on the sewerage system of El Reno will be completed soon. In the business part of the city the pipes are laid from nine to twelve feet deep.

Rev. James, of Oakley, Kansas, who has been left a fortune in England, proposes to endow a college and hospital in Oklahoma with half a million dollars.

The opposition of Congressman Cannon of Illinois to the free homes bill caused much trepidation throughout Oklahoma during the final days in which that bill was pending.

There was a time once when mother's folks used to send provisions to the starving ones in Oklahoma. In this year of our Lord Oklahomaans are preparing a corn train to ship to the famine sufferers of India.

Miss Allie E. Matthews, daughter of Rev. W. D. Matthews, of Guthrie, sponsor of Camp Johnson, Post No. 347, and Miss Kate A. Potts, of Edmond, as chief maid of honor, have been appointed to attend the tenth annual reunion of Confederate veterans at Louisville, Ky., commencing May 30.

Homestead claimants in the Cherokee strip have commenced legal action against those holders of claims who entered the strip from military reservations.

The court house square fence is not a proper place for merchants' signs; so think the county commissioners who have ordered them taken down at Chandler.

Guthrie made extensive preparations to entertain the hundreds of students who come to attend the intercollegiate oratorical contests.

Mrs. Mary Cummings came to Alva from Green county, Illinois, and while getting into a wagon was struck by a freight train and badly injured.

S. F. Long fell through a chute in a hay loft in a Cameron livery stable and fractured his skull. He died the next day.

The university museum has mounted white cranes which measured seven feet eleven inches from tip to tip of wings; four feet six inches from end of bill to end of tail feathers; and six feet from end of bill to end of toes.

Payment of Cherokee warrants commenced May 7.

Darbie, I. T., has had a postoffice established there.

A telephone line is being built from Wagoner to Illinois station.

The Chickasaw populist convention meets in Ardmore May 12.

Nowata is to have two new elevators to replace the mill that was burned.

The Bartlesville branch of the Santa Fe will begin carrying mail May 12.

The rise in the Canadian river threatened heavy damage to railroad property.

The Santa Fe will commence carrying mail from Caney to Owasso, I. T., May 13.

Governor Barnes, of Oklahoma, attended a territorial convention at Purcell, I. T.

Chief Buffington has appointed the regular examiners of the auditor's office in Tahlequah.

Bud Nelson received a life sentence at Ardmore for shooting John Edwards last December.

There were thirty houses built in the first week of the existence of the new town of Glencoe.

A national Indian convention named candidates for governor and attorney general on May 9.

A commercial club, starting with 100 members and \$10,000 stock, has been organized in Pawnee.

A \$10,000 pressed brick plant, with a capacity of 2,000 an hour, is to be established at Stillwater.

There are several gas wells near Bartlesville and now one has been struck in the heart of the town.

J. F. Crome, a farmer of Okarche, has started for a tour of Europe and to attend the Paris exposition.

Miss Hattie Graham, of Atchison county, Kansas, is organizing auxiliary lodges of the Woodmen in Oklahoma.

Riley H. Henry writes home from the Philippines that he was with a squad that captured 3,000,000 pounds of sugar.

At a trial in Ardmore a man was declared disqualified to act as a juror because he had once pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny.

The sale of town lots along the line of the Choctaw road has opened lively this spring; so says the manager of the Choctaw townsite company.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers complain that the Choctaw road does not pay a uniform scale of wages with competing lines.

Jesse Tomlinson, train dispatcher in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe offices at Chicago, was married last week to Miss Beatrice, daughter of Charles Edgerton at Ardmore.

C. B. Ladd, of Ardmore, attempted to ford Hickory Creek with a buggy. The horse had to swim and could not take the buggy and its load, so he cut the horse loose. The buggy has not yet been found.

General Manager Mudge and other Santa Fe officials visited Ripley recently. The Eastern Oklahoma railroad is to be extended to Pawnee, and will, on completion give Oklahoma a shorter line to Kansas City.

A bill is before congress providing for the appointment of one cadet to West Point military academy for each judicial district of Indian Territory; and another bill for appointments to the Annapolis naval school.

Eufala has had a fire which destroyed a general merchandise store and a photograph gallery. The family of the photographer was rescued nearly suffocated. The losses are estimated at \$7,120, with \$1,000 of insurance.

The Sundry Civil appropriation bill just reported to congress carries \$55,000 for salaries and expenses of commissioners and constables and expenses of judges in the Indian Territory, and 2 deputy clerks at Muskogee, South McAlester and Ardmore.

The death of John Earhart at Bartlesville recalls the fact that a few years ago, and when at the age of 78, he walked all the way from Kansas to Oregon and back again. The distance was 4,000 miles, but the old man made it in one season without riding a mile.

Judge Clayton will not permit any further interruption of the terms of his court on the grounds of smallpox exposure.

The Frisco line is locating towns along the line of its eastern extension from Sapulpa to Denison. Ada is to be moved a mile and a half, parties who move buildings to be given lots in the new location.

Near Afton, T. B. Hitchcock found a whole lot of arrow heads with bones of some large animals in a spring which he was cleaning out.

A special car left Muskogee for Leavenworth, the other day, with thirty-six federal prisoners, having been convicted of a large variety of crimes.

The organization of a medical association is projected to cover the entire field of the Chickasaw nation. The first meeting is to be held in Davis May 15.

Hamlin Garland and Mrs. Garland are spending some time at Darlington, gathering pointers for a new novel in which he desires to show the present status of the modern Indian.

Dewey, I. T., will send a walnut log to the Paris exposition which is the trunk of a tree supposed to be 400 years old; its first limb is 55 feet above the ground and its trunk is 16 feet 5 inches around it.

D. F. Baugh, a farmer who lives near Dawson, I. T., has received information that he is one of the heirs to a property in Holland which amounts to \$160,000,000. The estate has been in law since 1771 and has recently been restored to the heirs. There are about 1,000 heirs.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

What is Being Done in The Fifty-Sixth General Assembly.

APRIL THIRTY.

The Senate committed the Pettijohn resolution of sympathy with the Boers. It came up as a surprise in the Senate but was soon disposed of for the present at least.

Conference on the restrictions of the Indian appropriation bill struck trouble over the item relating to townsite boards and the Indian Territory, but a way out is thought to have been found.

The house spent much time over the bill to create a commission to adjudicate claims against Spain assumed by the United States. The bill was finally sent back to the committee on war claims with instructions to report a bill to refer the claims to the Court of Claims.

The features of the week are the Nicaraguan canal bill and the Free Homes bill.

MAY FIRST.

The Senate and the house have both passed the Lacey bill to prohibit interstate commerce in game in violation of local laws. The bill also gives the department of agriculture power to prevent the introduction of undesirable foreign birds.

Both the Senate and the house agreed to the conference report on the joint resolution concerning the governing of Puerto Rico in the administration until the new government is fully installed.

The house passed the resolution providing for the printing of all documents relating to the Louisiana purchase.

The house agreed to the conference report upon the Hawaiian revenue bill and it went to the president who has signed it.

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A memorial was to have been laid before congress from the American people protesting against the excessive taxation enacted by the military government.

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Senator Harris (Kan.) called up and secured the passage of the bill for the establishment of the true 100th meridian on the Red river. This is of special interest to Western Oklahoma.

The Free Homes bill passed the house without a roll call.

The Nicaraguan canal bill passed the house by 235 to 35.

The Sundry civil appropriation was reported to the house. It carries \$65,575, being \$8,458,392 less than the estimate and \$6,106,146 more than the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

MAY FOURTH.

The postoffice committee reported to the senate the postoffice appropriation bill, and gave notice for its consideration on the 15th.

A bill passed the senate for the establishment of the Soldiers' home at Denver.

The senate agreed to an amendment to the army reorganization bill giving rank and pay of lieutenant general and staff to the senior major general and staff.

In an amendment to the senate naval bill the president is authorized to buy from Spain the floating dock in Havana harbor.

The senate passed the amended house census bill.

The house passed 137 private pension bills, including \$40 a month to General James Longstreet.

The army appropriation bill was passed.

While the house was considering the Sundry civil bill a motion was made to strike the item for cost surveys of the coast.

The Senate received nominations from the president of Sanford B. Dole, of Hawaii to be governor of that island and Henry C. Cooper, also of Hawaii, to be secretary of that island.

The Senate buildings committee reported favorably the bill for the \$1,250,000 government building in New Orleans.

The fortifications appropriation bill, carrying about \$7,500,000 was passed.

The house refused to concur in Senate amendments to the army appropriation and it was sent to conference.

Mr. Stewart (Wis.) has a bill in the house to authorize the purchase of land in Wisconsin to buy lands in Wisconsin.

Kansas Immigration Agent.

Topeka, Mo., May 4.—Frank Wineshank, of Rochester, Kingman county, has been commissioned state immigration agent for Kansas by Governor Stanley.

Mr. Wineshank is also immigration agent of the Santa Fe for Kingman county. He has left Topeka for Chicago, where he will work up an excursion of homeseekers to Kansas.

Russia's Wheat Prospect is Good.

London, May 5.—The Odessa correspondent of the Times says: "Favorable reports have been received from all parts of South Russia regarding the prospects of the coming harvest."

The British Advance.

London, May 5.—It is announced that the British have captured Blandfort; a dispatch from that place says that he was captured by a combined movement of Colonel Tucker's and General Pole-Carew's divisions on the east and center and General Hutton's mounted infantry on the west. The British surprised the Boers, who retreated hastily. Four thousand of the enemy moved here in order to oppose our advance. Colonel Tucker's artillery had a sharp duel with the enemy's guns and put two of them out of action.

SAYS AGUINALDO IS DEAD.

Not Heard from Since Christmas—Supposed to be Killed.

GEN. FUNSTON'S DISCOVERY.

Manila, May 4.—General Funston has discovered a rebel warehouse near Cabanatuan, containing all of the archives of the Malolos government, Aguinaldo's correspondence up to the time of his flight and much valuable information and historical matter.

The belief is growing that Aguinaldo was killed by the Igorotes. There is no proof that he has been alive since Major Peyton C. March, of the Thirty-third regiment, abandoned the chase after the Filipino leader in the Benguet mountains. An insurgent officer who recently surrendered to General Young holds this belief. Tioho held regular communication with Aguinaldo until December 26, since when he has heard nothing from him, and Tioho thinks Aguinaldo would find means to communicate with him if alive.

Major March's information was that there were only half a dozen soldiers with Aguinaldo when he fled beyond the Botoc wilderness, where the savages are hostile to all strangers. Friends of Aguinaldo's wife assert that she has heard nothing from him since they parted. She is in a delicate condition and nearly prostrated with worry.

Therefore she has not been informed of the death of her child and thinks it is with friends at Bacoor.

The Filipino crew of the steamship Escano recently mutinied in the channel between Cebu and Leyte and killed the captain, the mate and owners.

Senor Escano and his son, with knives, after a desperate struggle. The mutineers then scuttled the ship and fled to the Leyte mountains with \$28,000.

Importation of Domestic.

New York, May 1.—An invading army of Irish domestics was landed on the Cunard Line pier, from the Royal Mail steamer Ivernia, just in from Liverpool and Queenstown on her maiden voyage.

There were 1,167 of them—117 Eng., 116 Scotch, 361 Swedes, 552 Irish, 128 Norwegians.

Over 600 of the 1,167 were ticketed through to Boston, and they left at once for that city. They will be distributed throughout New England.

Colorado Rain Surplus.

Denver, May 2.—The precipitation for the twenty-nine day of April has been more than eight inches, six inches in excess of normal. Denver has received so far this year a precipitation of 9.20 inches, approximately as much as was received during the entire year of 1899. April's rainfall alone is almost equal to the quantity that fell during the year of 1899. If distributed through the year the rain would be of great benefit, but coming all at once, it is productive of damage to crops.

Killed by News of Her Son's Death.

Rich Hill, Mo., May 4.—Mrs. Frances E. Gwinn, wife of A. Gwinn, a prominent farmer near this city, died, aged 60 years, of apoplexy, superinduced by the news of the death of her son, Sergeant Arthur Gwinn, a soldier in the Philippines, news of whose death reached here only a few days since. She was the mother of seven sons and one daughter.

Rumors Effected the Exchange.

London, May 5.—Prices became buoyant on the stock exchange after a dull opening. This was due to a variety of rumors, all, however, requiring confirmation, including an important British victory in South Africa, the death of President Kruger and the relief of Mafeking.

Alaska Missionaries Fear Indians.

Seattle, Wash., May 1.—Residents of the Haynes mission, eighteen miles below Skagway, on Lynn canal, have made an appeal to the army officers at Skagway for troops to protect them against the feared Indian uprising.

The trouble arose over the imprisonment of Indians arrested for the Horton murder last fall.

Significant Hospital Order.

Cape Town, May 1.—Orders have been received here to clear all the hospitals of convalescents and they are being removed to the hospital ship, with a view of providing for future contingencies.

Jap Laborers Who Don't Labor.

Seattle, Wash., May 1.—The Japanese consuls in this section are alarmed at the fact that many Japanese already here are not securing work, and have sent a petition to the home government to stop the influx.

Santiago as Safe as Washington.

Havana, May 2.—An investigation into the allegation from Madrid that Jesus Rabi, the Cuban leader, had headed an "insurrectionary movement" in the province of Santiago de Cuba, shows that Rabi was at his farm near Manzanilla, and that he is perfectly quiet. Governor General Wood characterizes the Madrid story as absolutely without foundation. He says there is no more chance of a rising in Santiago than of a rising in Washington. Everyone looked upon it as a fake.

Received as Individuals.

Washington, May 2.—It can be stated that the persons composing the Boer delegation who are to sail from Europe for the United States this week will not be denied access to the secretary of state when they reach Washington. They will be received as individuals just as was Mr. Montague White, but with the distinct understanding that they are not recognized officially as a Boer delegation, and that the secretary does not admit their competence to enter into any negotiations.

A Santa Fe Cut Off.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 2.—The Santa Fe will build a cut off to shorten its line to the Pacific. The Santa Fe will extend its road from Amarillo, Texas, to Albuquerque, across Guadalupe, San Miguel, southern Santa Fe and Bernalillo counties, cutting off the difficult grades of the Raton pass and of northern New Mexico, for its through trains from Chicago to Kansas City, thus shortening its line to several hundred miles.

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FORT LEAVENWORTH'S SHARE.

Items Contained in the Sundry Civil Appropriations.

Washington, May 4.—Among the items included in the sundry civil bill, reported from the committee on appropriations, is one of \$30,000 to forward the construction of barracks and quarters for troops at Fort Leavenworth and \$30,000 to forward the construction of additional stables at Fort Riley, Kas. These items represent part of the appropriations urged by Representatives Curtis and Calderhead, of Kansas. This bill also contains an appropriation of \$50,000 for the continuation of the Kansas City, Kas., post-office, under the present limit, and an item of \$3,540 for the fish station at Neosho, Mo.

Other items recommended in the bill are: Western branch Soldiers' home, at Leavenworth, current expenses, \$33,800; subsistence, \$132,500; household, \$37,500; hospital \$32,500; transportation of members, \$2,500; repairs, \$25,000; officers' quarters and furniture, \$3,750, etc., in all, \$315,800.

To establish a site and for erection of a penitentiary on the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, \$50,000.

For support United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, \$43,200; clothing, transportation, etc., \$23,200; miscellaneous, \$30,000; hospital supplies, \$2,000; salaries \$60,000; in all, \$163,400.

For salaries and expenses of clerks, commissioners and constables and expenses of judges in the Indian Territory, including salaries of three deputy clerks at Muskogee, South McAlester and Ardmore, \$55,000.

The bill carries \$61,586,715, being \$8,458,392 less than the estimates and \$9,709,146 more than the appropriations for the current fiscal year. In addition to the amount carried by the bill, contracts are authorized amounting to \$4,457,500, including \$3,275,000 for public buildings.

The Bishops on Divorce.

Chicago, May 5.—The Bishop's address read to the General M. E. Conference by Bishop Andrews contains this:

As to marriage and divorce, in the presence of this evil the church cannot allow its rules on the subject of divorce and re-marriage to be in any case inoperative and void. Let, if need be, the church law be amended to more perfectly express the New Testament rule of marriage. But by the voice of its public assemblies, by its pulpits, and by the judicious exercise of discipline the church should keep itself pure, and aid the civil law and the practices of society to become pure.

Takes a Kansas Charter.

Topeka, May 2.—A Kansas charter has been granted to the Kansas City Mexico & Orient Railway company, of which A. E. Stillwell of Kansas City is the promoter. This is the line which Mr. Stillwell proposes to build in connection with lines already under construction to Mexico from Kansas City to the Gulf of California, the Pacific terminus to be Topolobampo. The authorized capital is \$25,000,000. The promoters paid a cash fee of \$2,727 when they secured their charter.

Another New Santa Fe Track.

Los Angeles, N. M., May 2.—The agreement which existed between the Rio Grande and the Santa Fe railroad companies by which both agreed to remain on one side of the Sangre Christo and Santa Fe range expired April 1 and was not signed again. This will result in the Santa Fe Railroad company building its projected line from Las Vegas to Mora and Taos and the Rio Grande railroad seeking an outlet by way of El Paso over the projected road to White Oaks.

To Let Banks Loan on Real Estate.

Washington, May 2.—Among the bills and resolutions introduced in the house was one by Representative Grosvenor of Ohio amending the national banking laws so as to permit national banks to loan on real estate security, with a provision that the security shall be double in value the amount of the loan and that the aggregate of such loans shall not be above 25 per cent of the resources of the bank.

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